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MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, ON THE PLANET CYBERTRON, THERE EXISTED A RACE OF POWERFUL ROBOTIC LIFE FORMS KNOWN AS TRANSFORMERS.
AS TIME PASSED, A HUGE WAR ERUPTED BETWEEN THE TWO MAJOR ARMIES: THE HEROIC AUTOBOTS, AND THE EVIL DECEPTICONS.
EONS WENT BY, AND THE PLANET CYBERTRON WAS NEARLY DESTROYED BY THE CONFLICT.
THE EVIL DECEPTICONS EVENTUALLY GAINED THE ADVANTAGE BY USING ANOTHER GROUP OF ROBOTS ON CYBERTRON...
...THE MINI-CONS, WHO WERE TAKEN AGAINST THEIR WILL AND FUSED TO THE DECEPTICONS ...MAKING THEM STRONGER AND ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE AUTOBOTS TO DEFEAT.
FINALLY, A LARGE NUMBER OF MINI-CONS REBELLED, AND ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE THE DECEPTICONS.
HOWEVER, THE MINI-CON STARSHIP CRASH LANDED ON OUR MOON, AND THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM SENT THE MINICONS TO THE NEAREST PLANET: EARTH.

I DON'T KNOW RAD, THE NOISE CAME FROM THIS DIRECTION.
THIS IS THE LAST TIME I DECIDE TO GO ON A NATURE HIKE FOR SCIENCE CLASS.
HEY CARLOS! DO YOU THINK WE'RE GETTING ANY CLOSER?
LOOK, TIRE TRACKS.
DUDE! CHECK THAT OUT!
THAT'S WEIRD, MOST CARS CAN'T GET THIS FAR UP ON THE TRAIL.
HEY! COME BACK!
WHHHIIRRRRRR
OH... HUMANS. I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONE OF THOSE AWFUL DECEPTICONS.

NOPE. DECEPTICONS WOULD NEVER BE GOING ON A NATURE HIKE FOR CLASS CREDIT.
PROBABLY NOT. NICE TO MEET YOU. I AM SWINDLE.
THAT'S CARLOS. I'M RAD. THAT'S WHAT MY FRIENDS CALL ME, AT LEAST.
DO YOU KNOW THE AUTOBOTS?
YEAH! IF WE INTRODUCE YOU TO THEM, WILL YOU GIVE US A RIDE?
IF YOU CAN HIDE ME FROM THE DECEPTICONS AND ESPECIALLY STARSCREAM, I WILL GIVE YOU A RIDE TO SCHOOL.
JUST THINK, YOU'LL BE THE ONLY ONES AT SCHOOL ARRIVING IN A RACE CAR.
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WAIT A MINUTE! HOW DID YOU ESCAPE FROM THE DECEPTICONS? THEY ARE A TOUGH BUNCH.
DUDE! DIDN'T YOU HEAR HIM? HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO DRIVE US TO SCHOOL! HE'S A RACE CAR!
DUDE! HIS NAME IS SWINDLE! HOW CAN YOU TRUST A GUY WITH A NAME LIKE THAT?
REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE IN THIRD GRADE AND YOU BROKE MY WINDOW WITH THAT BASEBALL?
BUT THAT WAS A MISTAKE...
MY PARENTS DIDN'T KNOW THAT. IN FACT, THEY DIDN'T WANT ME TO HANG OUT WITH YOU ANYMORE.
REALLY?
YEAH! BUT I TOLD THEM YOU WERE A FRIEND OF MINE AND YOU DESERVED ANOTHER CHANCE.
MAN, I NEVER KNEW THAT.
NOW THEY LIKE HAVING YOU AROUND THE HOUSE MORE THAN ME.

IF CARLOS TRUSTS YOU, I GUESS THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.
WHOOOSHHHHHH
DUDE! WHAT WAS THAT?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN THAT JET UP THERE. BUT IT'S SO FAR AWAY.
I'D RECOGNIZE THAT SOUND ANYWHERE... IT'S STARSCREAM.
STARSCREAM, REPORT THE STATUS OF YOUR MISSION.
MEGATRON, I AM SEARCHING FOR THE MINI-CON. I EXPECT CONTACT SHORTLY. I WILL ALERT YOU ONCE WE MOVE TO THE NEXT PHASE.
GOOD, MAKE SURE THAT YOU DO. I DEMAND A VICTORY HERE, STARSCREAM. MEGATRON OVER AND OUT!
"I DEMAND A VICTORY HERE..." FEHH!
YOU FOOL! YOUR RADIO IS STILL ON!

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OK...THE COAST IS CLEAR!
HEY, SWINDLE, YOU READY TO GET GOING?
AS SOON AS WE GET TO A ROAD, I'M READY TO GO INTO OVERDRIVE.
STUPID HUMANS!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
DID YOU THINK YOU COULD OUTWIT THE MIGHTY DECEPTICONS?
OF COURSE, NOT EVEN STARSCREAM WAS INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO TRACK DOWN TWO LITTLE EARTH GERMS AND A COWARDLY MINI-CON.
CYCLONUS! I WOULD BE CAREFUL WHAT I SAID IF I WERE YOU. SOON, I SHALL BE LEADING THE DECEPTICONS, AND MY MEMORY CIRCUITS ARE IN PERFECT ORDER.

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NOW, TO FINISH THIS MISSION...EH!?!
SCROOOORRCH!!
SWINDLE!!! GUN IT!
YEEEHHHAAA!!!
WHOO HOOO! DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON THOSE DECEPTICONS' FACES? I WISH I HAD BEEN ABLE TO TAKE A PICTURE OF THAT.
HA HA! TOO TRUE!
UH OH!
"UH OH" IS RIGHT!
HA HA HA! MEGATRON WILL BE SO PLEASED NOW THAT I, DEMOLISHER, HAVE CAPTURED THE HUMANS!
WHA-? WHO IS SHOOTING AT ME?

COME ON DEMOLISHOR, DO YOU REALLY NEED TO ASK?
HOT SHOT, RED ALERT, SMOKESCREEN!!! HOW DID YOU FIND US?!?
WE'VE BEEN MONITORING A STRAY MINI-CON SIGNAL FOR A WHILE. BUT I THOUGHT WE SHOULD LAY LOW UNTIL WE COULD FIGURE OUT IF THIS WAS JUST ANOTHER DECEPTICON TRICK.
UGH! GET BACK HERE!
ANYTHING YOU SAY, TOUGH GUY!
THUD!

AUTOBOT FOOLS! YOU MAY HAVE DEFEATED THAT IDIOT DEMOLISHOR, BUT STARSCREAM IS THE ULTIMATE DECEPTICON. TRY YOUR LUCK WITH ME!
RED ALERT, WHEN DID YOU BECOME SUCH A WEAKLING?
THOK
INTELLIGENCE AND STRATEGY WILL ALWAYS OVERCOME BRUTE FORCE
PROVE IT!
I DON'T HAVE TO.
TURN AROUND
AUTOBOT, YOU MUST BELIEVE I AM DUMBER THAN DEMOLISHOR IF... EH?
BONK
CRUNCH

AUTOBOTS MAKE ME SICK ON THE GROUND, YOU MIGHT HAVE THE ADVANTAGE, BUT THE DECEPTICONS RULE THE SKIES!
DON'T BET ON IT... CYCLONUS!
CLASH
NOT A BAD BIT OF RESCUING IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF
YEAH, NOW LET'S MOP UP THESE DECEPTICON CRUMBS AND CALL IT A DAY.
WHOOOOOM

THE AUTOBOTS ARE ALWAYS GOOD FOR ONE THING: TARGET PRACTICE
STARSCREAM! IS THERE NO END TO YOUR INCOMPETENCE? I ORDERED YOU TO KEEP ME INFORMED OF YOUR SITUATION.
THIS MISSION FAILED THROUGH NO FAULT OF MINE I--
WHO SAID THIS MISSION IS A FAILURE? SWINDLE... COME TO ME!
I'M GLAD WE FOUND THIS PLACE. THE DECEPTICONS WILL NEVER FIND US HERE
YOU SAID IT! DON'T YOU AGREE SWINDLE? SWINDLE ..?
UH, SORRY.
WHAT'S UP?!?!
HEY MAN! LET GO!!!
AH, MY TROUBLESOME LITTLE EARTH WORMS. I TRUST SWINDLE HAS KEPT YOU ENTERTAINED WITH HIS INSPIRED PERFORMANCE.

YOU JERK!!! HOW COULD YOU LIE TO US LIKE THAT?
SLASH
YEAH SWINDLE! ALL WE WANTED TO DO WAS HELP. THE AUTOBOTS WOULD HAVE PROTECTED ALL OF US
STOP IT! BOTH OF YOU!!
I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE. I AM TIRED OF THIS DUSTBALL PLANET AND STARSCREAM TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD LET ME GO IF I HELPED THE DECEPTICONS LEARN MORE ABOUT HUMANS
BUT YOU BECAME FREE THE MINUTE WE BECAME YOUR FRIENDS. TOGETHER WE COULD HAVE HELPED ONE ANOTHER

ENOUGH OF THIS
STRUGGLE ALL YOU WANT HUMANS. THE AUTOBOTS ARE POWERLESS TO ASSIST YOU ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THEY ARE CHAINED IN MY INDESTRUCTIBLE ENERGON BANDS
SO.... NOW THAT MY MISSION IS COMPLETE.. MAY I GO?
HAHAHAHAHAHA!!!
STUPID, SIMPLE, SWINDLE. NOT ONLY HAVE YOU SEALED THE AUTOBOTS FATE, BUT PERHAPS THE HUMANS AS WELL..
NOT WHILE I FUNCTION, MEGATRON!!!
ONCE I FIGURE OUT HOW TO MERGE HUMANS WITH CYBERTRONIAN TECHNOLOGY, I WILL HAVE A NEW POWER SOURCE THAT WILL ALLOW ME TO CONQUER THIS WORLD, THE GALAXY, AND THE UNIVERSE!

THOOOM
BRRRRRR
STAND YOUR GROUND FOOLS! PRIME WOULDN'T DARE RISK THE LIVES OF THESE HUMAN ANTS
THREATENING CHILDREN MEGATRON? THIS IS BENEATH EVEN YOUR TREACHERY.
NOTHING SHALL STAND IN MY WAY! NOT HUMANS, NOT MINI-COONS, AND CERTAINLY NOT OPTIMUS PRIME!!!
THOOOM

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MEGATRON! STAND DOWN AND LEAVE THIS PLACE
WHY PRIME, YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING MY TROOPS!
I DARE YOU.. SAY THAT AGAIN!
ISN'T IT STRANGE THAT YOU COULDN'T DEFEAT OPTIMUS PRIME ONE-ON-ONE? YET, I DEFEATED THE MIGHTY AUTOBOT LEADER WITH ONE SHOT
PERHAPS A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP IS NECESSARY?
HEH

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WELL PRIME GUESS OUR OVERALL STRATEGY FAILED
RED ALERT, REST EASY. ALL IS NOT LOST. HAVE FAITH, AND THINGS HAVE A WAY OF WORKING OUT
SORRY WE LET YOU DOWN. I GUESS WE DIDN'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE FACTORS.
HOT SHOT, YOU DID WHAT WAS NECESSARY. THE HUMANS ARE SAFE AND WE ARE ALL STILL IN ONE PIECE. NOT BAD FOR A YOUNG COMMANDER.
THANKS, SIR!
I HAVE DETERMINED THAT THESE ENERGON BANDS BECOME TIGHTER THE MORE WE STRUGGLE. THEY AREN'T INDESTRUCTIBLE. WE JUST NEED A STRONG ENERGY BLAST.
OH, I THINK THAT YOU'LL BE GETTING AN ENERGY BLAST ALRIGHT! HARHARHAR!

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WE HAVE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! THE AUTOBOTS ARE ABOUT TO GET TOASTED.
MAYBE WE CAN DISTRACT THE DECEPTICONS LONG ENOUGH TO LET THE AUTOBOTS THINK OF AN ESCAPE PLAN?
NOT ENOUGH TIME.
WHA--?!
SHHHHHH! THEY'LL HEAR US.
YEAH, AND YOUR "MISSION" WILL BE COMPLETE... JERK!
THOK!
HEY... TRUST ME. PLEASE.
I KNOW I DID SOMETHING WRONG. BUT IT WAS FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS. I JUST WANTED TO BE FREE.
NO MINI-CON WILL BE FREE AS LONG AS THE DECEPTICONS ARE AROUND.
AND THE LAST TIME WE TRUSTED YOU, OUR AUTOBOT FRIENDS GOT BLASTED.
THIS ALL BEGAN BECAUSE I TRUSTED STARSCREAM. THANKS FOR BEING MY FRIEND.

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BLLLLLT
SHACK!
NO!!!!
MEGATRON! YOU BRAG LOUD AND HARD WHEN STARING DOWN CHILDREN OR MINI-CONS.
BUT TRY TAKING ON A ROBOT YOUR OWN SIZE!
CH-CHOOM!
I GROW WEARY OF YOUR SPEECHES PRIME.
BOOOM
SHASH
AUTOBOTS! WE TAKE THIS VICTORY NOW!!

THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
DECEPTICONS RETREAT...
...FOR NOW!
WAHOO! GO AUTOBOTS!
GO SWINDLE!
WE DID IT, DIDN'T WE?
I CAN'T FORGET MY FAVORITE MINI-CON. SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR FRIENDS, SWINDLE!
HEY!
LET HIM GO!
EVEN THOUGH HE LIED TO US, I HATE TO SEE HIM TAKEN AWAY BY THAT BUM DECEPTICON.
STILL, I'M NOT SURE I CAN EVER TRUST ANOTHER MINI-CON.
RAD, CARLOS. EVEN YOUR ENEMIES DESERVE A CHANCE TO CHANGE. WHEN YOU GIVE A PERSON A SECOND CHANCE, YOU ALLOW THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW.
EVEN A DECEPTICON?
EVEN A DECEPTICON.
AUTOBOTS! TRANSFORM... AND ROLL OUT.
THE END.